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Dear Harold:

Thank you for the newspaper clipping of George Lardner's story on the release of the transcript of the JUNE 23, 1964. It sounds like one of the more interesting transcripts, and I'm looking forward to reading it. I was thinking about you the day the clipping arrived as I was listening to a Sidney Bechet record earlier that morning. I have a small pile of records on a chair in my dining room that I've been meaning to tape for you as well as a few newspaper clippings. The newspaper coverage of the assassination hearings up here is very skimpy: the Boston Globe has been summarizing a few of the more important articles from the Washington Post; and the New York Times is still on strike, so that eliminates that source. I'm not bothering to send you the Globe articles as I know you have the originals in the Post.

I am at the moment recovering from a debilitating illness. Shortly after I last wrote to you, I had an infected wisdom tooth pulled. The infection from the tooth, however, spread through my throat, and threatened to spread to my heart. Through heavy anti-biotics the doctor managed to contain the infection to my throat; and it was not until late September that things improved enough for them to rule out surgery. Can you imagine someone getting so sick from a stupid tooth?

As you can gather from my description of my summer, my dissertation has been languishing on another chair in the dining room. I listened to bits of the JFK assassination hearings on public radio while I was sick but public radio in Boston only carried two weeks of the hearings. While I don't

expect the December committee report to say anything new, I am looking forward to reading the sections on the organizational procedures of the FBI, CIA, etc.

The Jacob Cohen book, which I was suppose to review for the Boston Globe, has had its publication date changed continually-last I heard it was going to come out in late November-early December. Possibly, the publishers changed the publication date so that their book would coincide with the release of the Assassination Report. In the interim, however, the Book Editor at the Globe is loosing her enthusiasm for books on assassinations.

In your last letter, you asked about the sources of the Epstein dealings with the paperback market. The person from whom I got the information can't remember his source but I do know that the information was common knowledge in the book trade-even to the point where Epstein's dealings (with figures quoted) are mentioned in an article on selling paperback book rights (^{specifically} ~~especially~~ those dealing with the novel The Thorn Birds), which appeared in the New York Times Magazine sometime either late last Spring or early summer.

I noted on your clipping, which you just sent, that you will be speaking at Bridgewater on November 28. If you know information as to where, and what time, etc., Liz and I will try to get down there. Its a ways from Cambridge, but I'm not sure as to how far as I've never been there. I know there's a State College there as well as a State Prison, and I assume you will be at the former rather than the latter.

In the pile of clippings, there are several things that might especially be of interest to you. First, the MacNeilly cartoon I thought was great-I

don't know how widely his work is reproduced. But if you hadn't seen it, I
knew you would like it. Second, the Bernstein article "Who Owns History?",
appeared in Inquiry Magazine. While it doesn't deal with either assassination,
I know that the ownership of "public papers" is of interest to you.

Liz has just requisitioned the typewriter for a philosophy
paper - due tomorrow - so I guess I'll have to end this
letter in longhand.

Please give my regards to Lil -

sincerely

Nancy